

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION

DENISE GRAVES,
Petitioner,

Case No. 1:13-cv-886

vs

Bertelsman, J.
Litkovitz, M.J.

WARDEN, OHIO REFORMATORY
FOR WOMEN,
Respondent.

**REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATION**

Petitioner, a prisoner at the Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville, Ohio, initiated this action by filing a *pro se* petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 without paying the requisite filing fee or submitting an *in forma pauperis* application. (Doc. 1). On December 6, 2013, the undersigned issued a Deficiency Order requiring petitioner to either pay the \$5.00 filing fee or submit a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* within thirty (30) days. (Doc. 2). In that order, petitioner was expressly advised that if she “fails to comply with this Deficiency Order within the requisite 30-day period, this case shall be dismissed for lack of prosecution.” (*Id.*).

It appears from the Court’s docket records that petitioner was served with a copy of the Deficiency Order. However, to date, more than thirty (30) days after the filing of the Deficiency Order, petitioner has yet to pay the \$5.00 filing fee or submit an *in forma pauperis* application as directed in that Order.

District courts have the inherent power to *sua sponte* dismiss civil actions for want of prosecution to manage their own affairs so as to achieve the orderly and expeditious disposition of

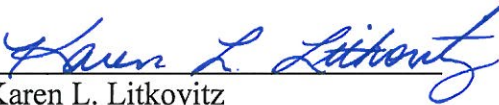
cases.” *Link v. Wabash R.R.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630-631 (1962). Failure of a party to respond to an order of the court warrants invocation of the Court’s inherent power in this federal habeas corpus proceeding. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); *see also* Rule 11, Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts, 28 U.S.C. foll. § 2254.

It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that this matter be **DISMISSED** for lack of prosecution.

IT IS SO RECOMMENDED.

Date: _____

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Karen L. Litkovitz
United States Magistrate Judge

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NOTICE

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